

ELECTION SIGN-UPS

The filing period is January 21, 2009 through January 30, 2009.

Positions available for Town Officers:

- Selectman - one for three years
- Selectman - one for two years
- Trustee of Trust Funds - one for three years
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- Cemetery Trustee - one for three years
- Budget Committee - two for three years
- Budget Committee - one for two years
- Library Trustee - one for three years
- Road Agent - one for one year

You must see the Town Clerk for information and to sign up. On Friday January 30, 2009 the Town Clerk's Office will be open regular hours, 8:30 am to noon and then again 3:00 to 5:00 pm for filing purposes only.

The Clerk's Office is at the Town Hall, 295 Main Street in Fremont. She can be reached by phone at 895 8693. To sign up for office, you must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter.

Fremont School District

The sign up period for any School District position is the same time frame, and you can contact School District through the Fremont School Board or the SAU 83 Office for more information and to sign up.

Positions available for School District Officers:

- School Board Member - two for three years
- School District Treasurer - one for one year
- School District Clerk - one for one year
- School District Moderator - one for one year

For information on School District petition warrant articles, contact SAU 83 during business hours at 895 6903.

YARN-A-THON

All area knitters and crocheters are invited to attend a charity "Yarn-a-Thon" at the Fremont Library on Saturday, January 17, 2009, to make hats, scarves, and mittens for those in need.

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm **Provided:** Light morning snack, coffee*

Please Bring: Yarn (merino wool or acrylic), needles/hooks, and favorite patterns (a few patterns will be available)

Distribution: Operation Blessing (Portsmouth), Fremont Food Pantry, My Brother's Keeper (Kingston)

Contact Person: Nancy LeCain, nancy@lecain.net or 895 9373.

*If you plan to stay until 2:00, please feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch and beverage. Come and plan to have a great time!

GARDEN CLUB HAPPENINGS

Members of the FGC held a Greens Workshop for their regular meeting on November 18, 2008 at the Fremont Safety Complex. Members made swags and kissing balls for town decorations. New member, Linda Rafferty, was welcomed to the club.

Thank you to Betty Stanley for the generous donation of the greens. The Fremont Garden Club also provided lunch for the election workers on November 4, 2008. In addition, they sold soups, chili, and baked goods and held a silent auction as a fund raiser for the benefit of club events.

FGC members met on Saturday, December 6, 2008, to decorate the town buildings with kissing balls and swags for the Christmas season. Decorations were made by club members at their Greens Workshop held in November. Buildings decorated are: Fremont Town Hall, Historical Museum, Safety Complex, The Old Meeting House and Fremont Pizzeria, long time generous sponsor of the FGC.

The FGC is a member of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc, and the National Garden Clubs Inc, NE Region.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATES

The Fremont Planning Board has taken advantage of the minimal amount of subdivision and site plan review applicants due to the slow economy to do some much-needed actual planning. They have met 3 times per month for most of the year working for many hours to update the Towns Subdivision, Site Plan Review and Excavation Regulations and the Town's Master Plan. Changes to each Regulation and each Chapter of the Master Plan must be drafted, reviewed and a Public Hearing held for approval. In addition the Planning Board has updated the Capital Improvements Program, which is ongoing every year.

In all a total of 6 Chapters of the Master Plan have been amended this year including:

- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)
- Recreation
- Community Facilities
- Historic Resources, Housing
- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Existing and Future Land Use

The Board is also currently working on:

- Transportation Chapter
- Water Resources section of the Natural Resources Inventory Chapter
- Housing Chapter

The Planning Board has applied to CTAP for funding to create an Inclusionary (Workforce) Housing zoning ordinance for 2010.

Each year the Rockingham Planning Commission receives grant monies from the NH Office of Energy and Planning to use for regional planning projects. This is called a Targeted Block Grant (TBG) and is a 50/50 matching program for between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per community. The Town must formally apply for this grant and the local match must be in the form of budgeted funds and available for the current year. The Fremont Planning Board applied for, and was granted the following TBG grants:

- FY 09: MP Water Resource Chapter \$2000
- FY 08: MP Land Use Chapter \$2500
- FY 07: MP CIP \$2250
- FY 06: MP Future Land Use Chapter \$3000
- FY 05: MP Visioning Chapter \$2000

The Planning Board also applied for and was awarded a Metropolitan Planning Organization grant through the NH DOT, and distributed through RPC:

- MP Transportation Chapter \$2500

The Planning Board also applied for and was awarded the following from the Community Technical Assistance Program:

- Outreach Flyer/Conservation/ S/D/Zoning \$ 421
- MP Implement/Action Plan Chapter \$1500
- MP Housing Chapter \$5000

The Board Members hosted and attended several in-house workshops on planning subjects including Density of Credit Transfer with Cliff Sinott of Rockingham Planning Commission, Impact Fees with Bruce Mayberry for the Community Technical Assistance Program - Local Government Cluster Workshop, Workforce Housing with Stephanie Schuyler of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast, Innovative Land Use Techniques with Planner Clay Mitchell, Community Technical Assistance Program Build-out Plan with Rob Pruyne of, Rockingham Planning Commission, and Economic Development with Marie Capello of the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation.

Some additional 2008 Planning Board decisions resulted in an amendment to the Fremont Zoning Sign Ordinance which was approved by the March 2008 Town Meeting vote as well as 1 Lot Line Adjustment, 5 Excavation Renewal Permits, 5 Excavation Site Visits, 1 Site Plan Review, 1 Voluntary Lot Merger and 1 Scenic Road Trimming and Cutting Approval.

The Planning Board is in need of volunteers to serve on the Board. If you are interested in planning the future of Fremont and have some time to share, please contact Meredith Bolduc for more

information at 895 3200 x 17 or by email at FremontPZ@comcast.net to express your interest. The Planning Board meets three Wednesday evenings per month at the Town Hall, in the basement meeting room.

WINTER SEASON SAFETY TIPS

Don't let your fuel fired appliances starve for air. All fuel fired appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces, fireplaces inserts, and heating stoves need plenty of air to operate safely; otherwise they might produce excessive, deadly carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and toxic, which means you can't see, taste or smell it. It can cause headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. Carbon monoxide can kill, so be sure to maintain your heating appliances.

Have an annual service clean-up and tune-up by a qualified technician, have vents and chimneys inspected and be sure to keep combustibles and flammables far away from your appliances.

Never run fuel fired appliances (generators, portable heaters) without proper venting. Do not place outside portable units in areas adjacent to building openings or under buildings.

If you have had renovation projects in your basement which potentially have shut-off or decreased the available air to your appliances you may wish to consider make-up air if the area has become restricted enough.

Purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors. Maintain them with the same diligence that you do your smoke detectors. Check and replace batteries on a regular basis. ~ *From your Building Inspector*

FOOD PANTRY / GIVING TREE

Sincere thanks to all of you who have donated to the Fremont Food Pantry and The Fremont Giving Tree this past Christmas Season. This year brought record numbers of families and children in need. However, because of the generosity of Fremont residents and our surrounding community, we were successful in helping everyone that came to us!

In addition to serving residents on a weekly basis, the Food Pantry provided over 32 Christmas Holiday food baskets. The baskets included everything for a delicious holiday meal, and those little extras for that special holiday touch!

The Fremont Giving Tree helped provide Christmas wishes to 60 kids this year. We were able to give them Christmas presents as well as winter jackets, boots, hats & mittens, just to name a few.

We realize that it is hard times for everyone, but we are grateful that people have remembered those in need, by supporting the Fremont Food Pantry and the Fremont Giving Tree. We wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 2009!

FREMONT PLAYGROUP

Happy New Year!! Please note there will not be any playgroup on Friday, January 2. Also Friday, January 16 the group will meet at Brentwood Common Gymnastics for open gym from 10:15 - 11:15 am - \$6 per child.

Want to meet other moms and children in Fremont? Want to let your little one run around with other kiddos? Join parents and caregivers on Fridays 9:30 to 11 am at the Peoples Methodist Church in downtown Fremont across from the Safety Complex (non-denominational group). Fun, relaxed environment to meet other parents and children. Toys, crafts and story time offered. Birth-preschool age children welcome. Free of charge for Fremont residents, \$2.00 for surrounding communities. No registration needed, just show up. For more information please contact Brinn Chute at 679-2275 or brinnmargaret@yahoo.com.

DOG LICENSES

The 2009 dog licenses are now available from the Town Clerk's office. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing, as the Clerk's office is required to retain a copy of the vaccination

certificate. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact our office so we can remove your name from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, we can mail your license(s) for an additional fee of \$1.00 per dog. Please include a photocopy of your valid Rabies Certificate with your check and the dog's information for licensing.

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th to April 1st. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way, or in any town-owned parking lot between midnight & 6:00 am.

2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right-of-way, or on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

VITAL RECORDS IN THE TOWN REPORT

Any Fremont Resident, who was married, had a civil union, or had a birth or a death in 2008 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town report must send a letter of request and a copy of your marriage / civil union license, birth or death certificate to the Town Clerks Office. Any Fremont Resident who had an event occur in NH and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town report. All requests must be submitted to the Town Clerks Office by Friday, January 2, 2009. Please feel free to call the office at 895-8693 if you have questions.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

There is currently a vacancy for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term through March 2011. The Trustees are volunteers, who are generally responsible for management, investment and reporting of the Town's trust funds, which are for general Town purposes (libraries, schools); Capital Reserve Funds, Town trust funds, and cemetery perpetual care funds.

A general information piece (compiled from current statutes) is available on the Town's website (home page under volunteer position openings).

Anyone interested in this position can contact Pat Martel by email at martel4@comcast.net or call Heidi at the Town Offices at 895 2226 x 10 to get additional information. Pat will return a phone call to you if you leave your phone number in the email, or leave information with Heidi or Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of interest, highlighting any pertinent background you have, including any financial experience. Submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

ABATEMENTS

The deadline for abatements is March 1, 2009 for the 2008 tax year. Call the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 if you have any questions. Forms are available in the Selectmen's Office, and electronically from the Town of Fremont's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov. We can also mail you a form if you call and request one prior to February 15, 2009.